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Panama Continues to Watch Iran Closely  
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[1](#)1. (C) "Panama continues to watch the Iran situation closely," First VP and FM Samuel Lewis told Ambassador in response to presentation of reftel A demarche. Lewis indicated that he understood that the U.S. Iran policy had not changed. MFA Senior Advisor for UN Security Council Affairs Nils Castro thanked Ambassador for facilitating a briefing by a State expert on Iran's nuclear programs (reftel B); "His briefing was a real education and helped us to understand the gravity of the Iran situation."

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[1](#)2. (C) Post does not sense any shift in Panama's position since Ambassador's December 3 delivery of reftel D demarche, reported in reftel C. Ultimately, Panama's comfort level on dealing with Iran in the UNSC will be highest if there is a broad consensus in support of a Chapter VII resolution.  
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